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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th August 1867.

No. 572. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on papers regarding certain sum remaining unadjusted between the Forest and Public Works Departments. } (Here enter 26th August 1867, No. 2,601.)

No. 573. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1867, No. 2,033.

Forests, No. 11.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Accountant General. It does not appear to be of practical importance in order to test the working of the Forest Department that the Conservator's claims on account of timber supplied to the Department Public Works should be admitted by the Controller of Public Works Accounts within the year, when they are included in the Conservator's accounts submitted by the Board and supported by vouchers from the Executive Engineers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
,, the Accountant General, } With Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,601.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following papers:—

No. 588. From the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th August 1867, No. 159.

1. Having, in accordance with the Proceedings of Government, dated 11th June 1864, No. 995, furnished to the Accountant General a statement of the value of timber supplied to Government Departments during 1866-67, supported by original vouchers from the Departmental Officers, I have the honor to inform you that from the total amount, viz., Rupees 90,266-11-10, exhibited in the statement referred to, Rupees 549-9-0 was subsequently deducted, as the requisite vouchers had not been obtained. A further sum of Rupees 14,012-14-2 for timber supplied to the other departments noted in the margin* being excluded, there remains Rupees 75,704-4-8 to be credited to the Forest Department in the accounts of the Controller of Public Works Accounts. This Officer has, however, admitted only Rupees 72,698-3-4, and so credited it in his books, which were closed on the 6th ultimo; omitting a sum of Rupees 3,006-1-4 for adjustment in his accounts for the current year. The full amount of Rupees 75,704-4-8 is carried to credit of Forest Revenue in the accounts for 1866-67, submitted by me to the Board of Revenue for audit, and supported by duplicate vouchers, from the Executive Engineers, in lieu of cash payments, agreeably to the Proceedings of Government of India in G. O., dated 20th September 1866, No. 1,722; a similar entry appears in the books of this Office with respect to the sum of Rupees 3,006-1-4, excluded by the Controller of Public Works Accounts for want of information from Public Works Officers, more especially as the Annual Report for 1866-67, giving details of timber credited in the Forest Accounts, has already been printed.

* Government Chinchona Plantation.
Remount Depôt.
Commissariat Department, Bellary.
Ordnance Departments of Madras and Bombay.

2. Under these circumstances, I request that you will move Government to instruct the Controller to credit the difference (Rupees 3,006-1-4) remaining unadjusted between the two departments.

Transferred to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

19*th August* 1867.

Referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for early report.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

20*th August* 1867.

No. 589. From the Acting Deputy Controller of Public Works Accounts, in charge, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 21st August 1867, No. 1,627.

2 Enclosures.

1. In returning the letter No. 159, dated 17th August 1867, from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, sent to this Office for report, I have the hon. to submit a copy of a communication No. 1,409, dated 13th instant, to the Deputy Conservator in charge, from which

it will be observed that the differences were being enquired into, and would be adjusted in Account in 1867-68.

"I should further observe that while adjustments *should* be made whenever the necessity for making them becomes known, there is no greater need to make them in the last *month* of the year than in any other month. The idea, therefore, that there should be a comprehensive adjustment at the end of the year before the books of the year are closed should be abandoned, and the books, as a rule, should be closed in the manner prescribed by the Code, *immediately* after the accounts for April (now March) are posted. It is of course very desirable, all other things being the same, that the accounts of the year should show all the charges that have occurred accurately recorded against the grants, but it will be far better that the accounts should be somewhat incomplete in this respect, than that the accounts of all India should be kept waiting for those of one Province."

2. The Accountant General, Public Works Department, in Circular 14 of 1866, paragraph 3, directs that the Public Works Accounts should be closed immediately after the accounts for April (now March) are posted, for to wait till adjustments of accounts are made between Departments before closing would be to delay them for months.

No. 590. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1867, No. 2,601.

ACCOUNT, No. 68.

Ordered that the letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts above recorded be communicated to the Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract.)

Chennai, M. R.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Rd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue 1867-9.
Int. Rev.
Int. Rev.
No. 2354
Proceedings on the
C. W. Distrt.

Dated 26th. Augt.
Received 27th. 1867.
No. 2601.

Petition & orders
on papers regarding
certain Saw Mills within
land granted between
the Forest and Pub. Wks
Depts.

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No. 2033. 30th Augt.

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